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IN THE GOOD OLD GOLDEN WEST

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OH, A SONG I WOULD BE SINGIN'
FROM THIS FAIR, PACIFIC SHORE,
TO THE CHAP WHO IS A-CLINGIN'
TO A LIFE THAT IS A BORE:
THERE'S A COUNTRY THAT'S A-WAITIN'
WITH A WELCOME IN THE AIR
FOR THE PLUCK THAT'S UP AN' LAFFIN'
AND THE MAN WHO'S ON THE SQUARE;

FROM THE VAST SIERRA HIGHLAND
TO THE COLORADO'S ROAR,
FROM THE CATALINA ISLAND
TO "THE CANYON'S" ROCKY FLOOR,—
OH, I LOVE THE EASY FREEDOM,
AND THE LUCK THAT'S IN THE GROUND,
AND THE LOYAL, ROYAL SPIRIT
FROM THE PLAINS TO PUGET SOUND.

'MID THE YELLOWSTONE'S WILD FOUNTAINS
AND THE GARDEN OF THE GODS,
ROUND YOSEMITE'S PARKED MOUNTAINS
WHERE THE GOLDEN SUNSET NODS,
LET ME ROAM THROUGH NATURE'S STORY,—
DREAM THE DREAMS THAT WAIT FOR ALL
WHO WOULD FIND A MATCHLESS GLORY
IN THE MAGIC OF HER CALL.

OH, THERE'S ROOM FOR EV'RY MORTAL
IN THE LAND I LOVE THE BEST,
AN' THERE'S WELCOME IN EACH PORTAL
IN THE GOOD-OLD-GOLDEN WEST,—
WHERE THE EVERGREENS ARE MIGHTY
AN' ALL NATURE FILLS THE EYES,
FROM THE SPLENDOR OF THE ROCKIES
TO THE WEST-GATE'S PARADISE.

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